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although under the terms of the bill, you can have an abortion as the bill provides. At the same time, I presume under the amendment, the person performing abortion, if the fetus is born dead, could be charged with murder. Now this is somewhat similar to the Rhode Island proposal that the state of Rhode Island has passed and has not been determined by the Courts. However, Mary Lyons feels, and although she is not an Attorney, and as a young girl she is very familiar with this subject matter. I would say about as familiar as anybody in the state of Nebraska. She has contacted attorneys and other people, not only in this state but to some extent throughout the United States. She feels, and some others feel, that the Rhode Island law is patently unconstitutional because it deals with the 14th amendment to the United States constitution, and the Supreme Court of the United States has already held that the most states abortion laws under the 14th Amendment are unconstitutional. Her proposal deals with the law of the state of Nebraska, and says, that the unborn child is a person. Now I am going to read and this will only take a few minutes. Mary Lyons' statement and the reasons I said I brought this up is that most certainly it is a worthy subject of discussion. Mary Lyons, to the best of my knowledge, is not a registered lobbyist. She has no corporation or other entity behind her for purposes of lobbying. She is just a citizen of the state of Nebraska. Yet she is a citizen who has spent, as I mentioned, a great deal of time on this in thought and effort. We all know that various groups are divided on this question. As for myself, I don't know when life begins and I don't know when it ends. Some people and some organizations believe that they do and so I present this proposal of Mary Lyons for your consideration and for no other reason. Mary, however, is not the only one, by any means, as you all know who believes in this proposal. There are a number of people throughout the state who back it. I don't know how many but I have received a lot of mail and I am sure you have too, and I think the people who believe this way, whether they are right or wrong, have the right or should have the right to have their voice heard in this body. It is for this reason, I present the Lyons Proposal. Here is Mary Lyons statement. I will read it and then if anyone cares to discuss it, they can do so. "The purpose of my proposal is to protect the life of every unborn child in the state of Nebraska by giving said child personhood. LB 286, or any bill, that tries to conform to the Supreme Court's regulations and conditions for abortion can only save a few lives at best, as is the case of LB 286 which cannot guarantee the saving of the life of one unborn child even if enforced. I have used the word unborn..in parenthesis she puts the word "conceptus"..to cover every stage of development of the child from the moment of conception to the time of birth. In 1967, in October, the first international conference on abortion met in Washington, D.C. bringing together authorities from around the world in the fields of medicine, moral ethics, and the social sciences. They met together and concurred. The majority of our group could find no point in time between the union of sperm and egg, or at least the blastocyst (sp.) stage and the birth of the infant at which point we can say that this was not a human life. Human life is recognized to begin at conception, fertilization of the ovum by the sperm, because of the fact that a new individual arises at conception with a genetic code different from its parents. It is human because it is a member of the genus homo and especially of the species sapien and is the offspring of humans. The unborn child has the necessary number of chromosomes to be classified as human whether it is 46 standard, Down's syndrome 47, Turner's 45, or Klinefelter's 45 chromosomes. The idea of life beginning at a point other than conception has no sound basis for all structures and directions necessary for the development of